



M'CURDY DON'T ANSWER

Endeavors to Evade Pertinent Questions.

JEERED BY THE CROWD

Violent Demonstrations of Disapproval by Spectators at Insurance Trials.

NOT POSTED ON DIVIDENDS

President of Mutual Life Denounces the Committee and Protests Against Manner in Which Investigations are Being Conducted—A Day of Sensations.

New York, Oct. 17.—Testimony in the insurance investigation resumed here today after a week's adjournment, was most exciting throughout, and only the repeated threats of Senator Armstrong, chairman of the committee, to clear the room prevented violent demonstrations of disapproval of the witness, who was Richard A. McCurdy, president of the Mutual Life.

As it was, however, jeers at several periods in the testimony, temporarily interrupted the witness. These came when Hughes, counsel for the committee, asked question that McCurdy was reluctant to answer or evaded and were made by the crowd that stood back in the room which long ago proved inadequate to accommodate the witnesses and crowd of spectators.

In McCurdy's testimony today a feature entirely new was disclosed, and this was the fact that the Mutual Life employed a literary bureau to send out to the press of the country news matter of benefit to the company. During an earlier session today an attempt was made to obtain from McCurdy his reason for reducing dividends on policies as business increased and assets piled up. Counsel Hughes read a letter from one policy holder who asserted that the dividend on a \$3,000 policy in 1876 was \$55.76 and in 1904 only \$3.

Shy on Information.
To all questions on this matter the witness was not fortified with the information sought and when pressed refused to discuss the question. He said he would proffer as a witness, whose business it was to do these things but he would not discuss the question. McCurdy's demeanor defiant and the spectators expect to hear his counsel direct him to the question. His proffer of a witness was all that prevented steps being taken toward his indictment for misdemeanor, which is punishable, for refusing to answer a legislative committee.

McCurdy, during the attempt to induce him to answer questions relative to the reduction in dividends, launched forth in a protest against the manner in which the investigation was being conducted. He said the committee was going beyond the scope intended when it was appointed and assumed the proportions of an inquisition.

PREPARING TO WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM MANCHURIA

St. Petersburg, Oct. 17.—The war office has communicated the news of the ratification of the peace treaty to Linévitch, who has been ordered to arrange the necessary steps to carry out the provisions for the withdrawal of troops from Manchuria within 18 months and the evacuation of Korea.

The entire testimony of the day was a continual thrust and parry between Counsel Hughes and witness and when adjournment was taken for the day Hughes had not finished with McCurdy and the will be recalled tomorrow.

The fact that J. H. Hyde has returned to the city and W. H. McIntyre will voluntarily appear before the committee was the announcement that caused much comment today. It is stated that neither Hyde nor McIntyre will be called this week.

HENRY IRVING'S BODY CREMATED IN SECRET

Ashes Will Lie in State Until Funeral Ceremony on Friday.

London, Oct. 18.—In great secrecy the body of Sir Henry Irving was cremated at an early hour this morning according to the wish of the family. Tomorrow night the ashes will be taken to Westminster Abbey where they will lie in state until the funeral ceremony on Friday at St. Faith's chapel.

WILL BE PROMOTED.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 17.—Colonel William H. Michael, chief clerk in the state department and of the term of John Sherman will be transferred to a position in the consular service.

FEJERVARY REAPPOINTED.

Budapest, Oct. 17.—The Gazette tomorrow will contain an autograph letter of the king-emperor reappointing Baron Fejervary to the premiership. It is understood the cabinet will be charged to dissolve parliament.

STANFORD A WINNER

Oregon Men Are Beaten in the First Five Minutes.

FINAL SCORE TEN TO NOTHING

In Team Work and Swift Men From the North Are Not Behind Stanford, But Weight and Physical Condition Give Cardinals a Big Advantage.

Stanford University, Cal., Oct. 17.—A touchdown and goal in the first five minutes of the game scored points by which Stanford defeated the University of Oregon this afternoon. The final score was ten to 0.

Stanford's last four points were made by Quarterback Fenton on a well directed drop kick. Oregon scored four points on a place kick by Moulten from the 30 yard line. The Oregon team gave Stanford the hardest game the Cardinals have had so far this year.

Had not the home team carried the northern men, off their feet in the first minutes the game would have been a close one. In teamwork and swiftness Oregon was not behind Stanford, but the Cardinals' weight and better physical condition gave Stanford the advantage.

For Oregon, Captain Latourette at quarter, Moores at left end and Friessel at half did specially fine work. Fenton, quarterback, and Crow at full played a star game for Stanford.

ATHEP TODAY.

Portland, Oct. 17.—Western Oregon and western Washington Wednesday, occasional showers. Weather cooler. Easter: snow. continued cool.

KILLS WOMAN HE LOVES

Heinous Crime Shocks Citizens of Marshfield,

TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Infatuation of J. A. Armitage for Mrs. Stoops Bordered on Insanity.

HEROIC ACT OF DAUGHTER

Thirteen-Year-Old Girl Belabors Assailant of Her Mother Over the Head With Rifle Which He Had Dropped in An Effort to Save the Woman's Life.

Marshfield, Ore., Oct. 17.—This community was horrified this afternoon by the most heinous crime ever committed within its limits. J. A. Armitage, armed with a rifle and revolver, gained admittance to the home of J. O. Stoops, and shot and killed Mrs. Stoops who saw his approach, and with her children had taken refuge in the second story of the house. Armitage afterwards committed suicide.

Armitage secured entrance to the Stoops residence by breaking a window through which he crawled. As he ascended the stairs, Mrs. Stoops, whose life he had previously threatened, was at the head of the stairs and called to his halt. Armitage continued the ascent and Mrs. Stoops opened fire on him, one shot inflicting a scalp wound on Armitage.

Armitage dropped his rifle and drew a pistol. Reaching Mrs. Stoops he seized her with one hand and shot her through the body. Though bleeding profusely, he made an exit as he came, leaving a trail of blood, which marked the way to his home, where he shot and killed himself.

Armitage and the Stoops family had been acquainted for several years. They came here about the same time from Eugene, Oregon. Armitage became enamored of Mrs. Stoops, the infatuation bordering on insanity. A few weeks ago he was bound over in the sum of \$800 to keep the peace, after threatening the woman's life.

Mrs. Stoops left a husband and five children, the eldest of whom is a daughter aged 13, who witnessed the shooting, and endeavored to save her mother by belaboring the murderer over the head with the rifle which he had dropped.

Armitage has a wife and grown family at Eugene.

CRAZED BY HYPNOTISM.

Negro Attempts to Kill Members of His Own Family.

Seattle, Oct. 17.—"I will give \$1000 to the man who will take me out of this hypnotic spell," is the strange statement made by Jerome Collins, colored, of 517 North Twenty-eighth street. Collins lives with his parents.

This morning a delusion that has befogged his brain for the past year became so strong that he attempted to kill his mother, a younger sister and a brother. The police are now searching for the lad, who fled.

According to the story of the boy's mother, her son is the victim of a traveling troupe of "voodoo" vaudeville artists, who toured this section of the country a year ago. Collins was employed by them to pack grips and make himself generally useful. They used him as a subject for hypnotic illustration, and Collins never recovered from the strange spells he was placed under. Since that time he has been an in-

mate of Steilacoom and on one occasion voluntarily gave himself up.

"There's something over my eyes. I see things, and spirits ask me to kill you all," is the vague explanation Collins made to his mother. Monday night he locked himself in a room and kept the light burning all night. Tuesday morning he became violent and the police were notified.

FALLS OFF BRAKE RODS.

Payette, Ida., Oct. 17.—The remains of an unidentified man were brought in Sunday morning from a place four miles north of town, on the railroad, where the mangled corpse had been found.

There was nothing to identify the victim. It is supposed the man was on the rods or brake-beams of the east-bound passenger and was jarred off.

A passenger on the rear platform noticed the body and reported it to the conductor, who stopped the train and backed up. It was found the head, arms and legs were cut off and one side badly crushed in.

ASK FOR EW TRIAL.

Wooster, O., Oct. 17.—Attorneys for Mrs. Taggart today, filed an amended motion for a new trial, making new allegations, among which are that plaintiff employed money during the trial and prior thereto to influence public opinion.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE.

Los Angeles, Oct. 17.—Los Angeles, 5; Tacoma, 2.
San Francisco, Oct. 17.—Seattle, 5; Oakland, 2.

MARINES CAPTURED

Two British Officers Carried Off By Tribesmen.

DEMAND MADE FOR RANSOM

Capture Is Made by a Brother of Valiente, the Brigand Chief—Communication Has Been Established With the Captives—British Vessel Fired On.

Tangier, Morocco, Oct. 17.—Two British marine officers, Captains John E. Crowther and Edward A. Shotton, were captured and carried off by Angera tribesmen while returning to Ceuta from the British repair ship, Assistance, recently wrecked in Tetuan Bay.

The capture was made by a brother of Valiente, the brigand chief. Later in the day communication was effected with the captives.

The brigand chief demands as terms of release the freedom of Valiente. The consent of the Spanish government will be necessary before any further steps can be taken. Valiente is now imprisoned at Fez.

Moors Grow Reckless.

Gibraltar, Oct. 17.—The British torpedo boat destroyer Cherwell reports that yesterday, while anchored between Ceuta and Ceres, he was fired on by Moors, whose bullets pierced her funnels. The Cherwell threw a searchlight on the assailants. There were no casualties.

Use Energetic Measures.

London, Oct. 17.—The British foreign office has sent instructions to the minister at Morocco to take the most energetic measures in regard to the capture of the two officers. Several British warships are already off the Moorish coast, so it is reported.

Officers Reported Released.

London, Oct. 17.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Madrid says that fearing an attack by the British torpedo boat, Anjera, the bandits released the two officers and they have arrived at Ceuta.

SIMPSON IS BETTER.

Wichita, Oct. 17.—Ex-Congressman Simpson showed a slight improvement this evening and may possibly last through the night.

WARSHIPS FOR VENEZUELA

France Will Impress that Country.

THREE IN THE FLEET

It Is Hoped That Castro Will Make Amends and Avert Trouble.

PROCEEDS TO WEST INDIES

Steps are Precautionary as Officials are Still Hopeful That the President Will Make Suitable Amends—No Desire to Have the Move Taken as a Menace.

Paris, Oct. 17.—The departure of the armored cruiser De Saix from Cherbourg yesterday for the island of Martinique, French West Indies, inaugurates the preparations for dealing with the Venezuelan question with a strong hand if President Castro persists in his present course. The De Saix will stop at Brest, where she will be joined by the cruisers Lavoisier and Chasseloup-Loubet.

The three warships will proceed together to the French West Indies, joining the cruisers Jurien de la Graviere and Troude, now at Martinique. The division of ships will be under Admiral Bevoe de la Peyer. The rendezvous will be Fort de France, Martinique.

These steps are probably precautionary, as the officials here are still hopeful that the president will make suitable amends. Therefore, no orders have been issued concerning the nature of the ultimate naval action against Venezuela, as these await the assemblage of the ships and the result of diplomatic negotiations.

There is no desire here to have the assemblage of the warships taken as a menace. On the contrary, the French authorities are deferring the announcement of their final plans until President Castro's protracted inaction shows he is not willing to make any amends.

It is pointed out that President Castro's withdrawal of his offensive action toward M. Taigny, the French charge d'Affaires, and the presentation of a suitable explanation would avert the necessity of France adopting stronger means of persuasion.

The duration of the voyage to Fort de France will be about two weeks. Therefore, time remains for President Castro to make explanations. It is understood that the demonstration, if finally resorted to, will take the form of a blockade of Venezuelan ports.

CHARGE IS DISMISSED

Demurrer to Indictment Against Senator Burton Is Sustained.

St. Louis, Oct. 17.—Judge VanDeventer late today sustained the demurrer of the attorneys for Senator Burton to the indictment against the senator and dismissed the case on the grounds that the charge failed to name the persons with whom Burton made the alleged agreement to receive compensation for appearing before the postoffice department.

CHARACTERIZES ACTION OF PRINTERS UNLAWFUL

Chicago, Oct. 17.—An injunction issued last week restraining the members of Typographical Union No. 16, from interfering with the firms composing the Chicago Typothetae during the present

in behalf of the Rialto Grain & Securities Company, to prevent the issuance of a fraud order and that the charge was not explicit and it was not shown that the postmaster general had any right to make an investigation.

PLOTTING AGAINST LOUBET.

Paris, Oct. 17.—A dispatch to Gil Blas from Madrid today states that the police of Barcelona found a number of packages of dynamite concealed in flowers. Investigations indicate a plot to use the dynamite during President Loubet's approaching visit to Alphonson. Several arrests were made.

HEARST OPENS CAMPAIGN.

New York, Oct. 17.—The municipal league's portion of the three-cornered political campaign was opened tonight at a mass meeting at which W. R. Hearst, nominee for mayor, spoke. The democrats will open the campaign tomorrow night, and the republicans on Friday night.

CHARLESTON IN COMMISSION.

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 17.—The cruiser Charleston was placed in commission with Captain Herbert Winslow in command. The Charleston is a sister ship to the St. Louis and Milwaukee.

PROFESSIONALS BARRED.

Chicago, Oct. 17.—Boxing matches, by professional boxers were put under a ban tonight by order of the chief of police.

STRIKES SPREADING

Disorders Started in Moscow Sweeping Over the Country.

ARE INSPIRED BY POLITICS

Young Heir to the Throne to Be Named Today and in Anticipation of Demonstrations There Will Be no Illuminations Tonight—Newspapers Tied Up.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 17.—The strike at Moscow has given an impetus to a new wave of strikes and disorders which are sweeping over the country and which promises a repetition of the period of distress that prevailed in January and February last, though it is hoped on a less serious scale.

Besides tumults in St. Petersburg and Moscow, the strikes inspired by reports of the events in the latter place, reported from Saratoff, Kieff, Kazan, Karkoff and other places, while the strike movement has again broken out in Moscow.

A large part of the people seem inspired by a spirit of unrest. The movement is largely political and is engineered by social democrats and social revolutionists.

Today is the day to name the young heir to the throne and will be celebrated as a big holiday. The students and workmen here are preparing demonstrations and the customary illuminations in the evening may be eliminated to discourage the formation of crowds.

Several disturbances occurred here today, the most serious being between the striking printers and police at the bureau of engraving and printing in which 40 were injured, none seriously. The printers strike is very thorough, the only papers which will publish today being the Official Messenger and the Sveit.

strike of union printers, was sustained today by Judge Holden in a decision which classes as unlawful an attempt to force a contract for a closed shop and an eight-hour day.